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Soviet Troop Trains

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REMARKS

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1. On 7 December 1953, a troop train of several boxcars with soldiers and an undetermined number of flatcars with rocket launchers [redacted] was observed at the Parchimewitz railroad station. The train was headed toward Beelitz. 25X1

2. Receiving stations [redacted] included: Magdeburg [redacted] Velten, [redacted] and Altstrelitz, [redacted] Riesa, [redacted] and Velten [redacted] on 19 December. 25X1

3. Troop Trains [redacted] between 21 and 25 December included: 25X1

| Date in Composition of<br>December Troop Trains |  | From         | To            |               |
|---|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 21  | 27 cars  | Velten       | Fuerstenberg  |               |
| 22  | 5 converted boxcars,<br>2 boxcars and<br>16 flatcars | Fuerstenberg | Velten        |               |
| 23  | 40 cars  | Chemnitz     | Riesa         | shuttle-train |
| 24  | 72 cars  | Leipzig      | Brest-Litovsk | shuttle-train |
| 25  | 41 cars  | Magdeburg    | Brest-Litovsk | shuttle-train |

4. On 21 December, a troop train of 7 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars, and 21 flatcars, went from Velten to Fuerstenberg. 3

5. On 21 and 22 December, a total of 79 converted boxcars were dispatched from Rumburg to Frankfurt/Oder to be handed over to Poland.

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6. [redacted] troop trains from Ribnitz-Damgarten to Parchim between 25 and 26 December:

| Date in December | Composition of Troop Trains                      | Tons |
|------------------|--|------|
| 25               | 5 converted boxcars, 18 boxcars, and 21 flatcars | 350  |
| 26               | 5 converted boxcars, 17 boxcars, and 18 flatcars | 800  |
| 28               | 4 converted boxcars, 11 boxcars, and 29 flatcars | 850  |

On 25 December, a shipment of seven cars with loads exceeding the standard loading gauge went from Frankfurt/Oder to Damgarten.

7. On 25, 27, 29 and 31 December, and on 2 and 4 January 1954, a troop train of 4 converted boxcars, 25 boxcars, and 20 flatcars each was scheduled to be dispatched from Neubrandenburg to Ribnitz-Damgarten.

1. Comment. [redacted] a component of the 10th Gds Tank Div which went to Jueterbog either for exchange of equipment or firing practice.

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3. Comment. The troop trains probably belonged to a [redacted] rotation movement of AAA units of the 31st AAA Div which are employed in the area of the Hq Second Gds Mecha Army.

4. Comment. All information available indicates that the personnel exchange movement was terminated. The shuttle-trains are commented on as follows:

Shuttle-train [redacted] On 26 November 1953, the train was last dispatched to the zone with replacements 25X1

Shuttle-train [redacted] On 3 December 1953, the train hauled discharges from the zone to the east

Shuttle-train [redacted] On 29 November 1953, the train returned empty from Jagodin. The routes of shuttle trains of the present report which

were empty trains, indicate that the trains will be used for repatriation of German prisoners of war. The boxcars reported in paragraph 5 will probably be employed for the same purpose.

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5. Comment. The troop trains were probably employed in conjunction with a local reorganization of the fighter division Puetzitz following the completion of Parchim airfield.

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